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The enclosed document was prepared in response to a request from the SSCI staff for a summary of CIA's counternarcotics effort which would highlight the commitment of resources and change of focus for the 1984-1987 period. It was prepared by the National Intelligence Office for Narcotics and reflects the Agency program as of 16 September 1986.



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CIA AND ITS EXPANDING ROLE IN THE FIGHT
AGAINST INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING

The Central Intelligence Agency has, over the past three years, significantly increased its commitment to working against the target of international narcotics trafficking. This was made possible and appropriate under E.O. 12333 (December 1981) which authorizes the U.S. intelligence community, in accordance with law, to produce intelligence on foreign drug trafficking. It was further encouraged by the issuance of NSDD 221 (April 1986) which directs the DCI to take aggressive intelligence action against international drug organizations and operations, especially those linked to terrorist and/or insurgent movements.

Another major event forging a greater role for CIA was the release by the White House in September 1984 of a comprehensive national strategy for the prevention of drug abuse and drug trafficking. This document made manifest the need to supply strategic intelligence to support the "international cooperation" and "law enforcement" dimensions of the supply reduction portion of the strategy. Finally, the Agency's role in the drug war was solidified by:

- o The creation of the National Drug Enforcement Policy Board (NDEPB) by the National Narcotics Act of 1984; the DCI is a member of NDEPB.
- o The creation in 1983 of the National Border Interdiction System (NNBIS), headed by the Vice President, to coordinate the drug interdiction effort around all borders of the United States; the DCI is a member of NNBIS' Board of Directors.

The focus of the Agency's attack on the drug target has shifted in several significant ways over recent years:

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